

## Abstract

A method and a device (25) are described for storing a computer program (21) in a program memory (15, 20) of a control unit (10). The computer program (21) is stored according to predefinable rules in specific memory areas of the program memory (15, 20). In order to recognize an erroneous jump into an unused memory area of the program memory (15, 20), in which the computer program (21) is not stored, as rapidly as possible and in order to prevent the control unit (10) from being in an irregular state, it is suggested that selectable information (22), through which the control unit (10) is transferred into a defined state, be stored in the unused memory areas of the program memory (15, 20), in which the computer program (21) is not stored.

(Figure 2)